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K. SHIRAKI et al

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For: INTEGRATED THIN FILM HEAD WITH MAGNETO-  
RESISTIVE SENSOR PREVENTING SHORT  
CIRCUIT BETWEEN THIN FILMS (AS AMENDED)

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In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004,  
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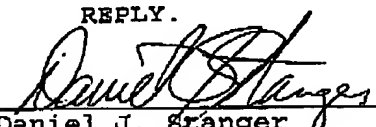
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PREVENTING SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN THIN FILMS (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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